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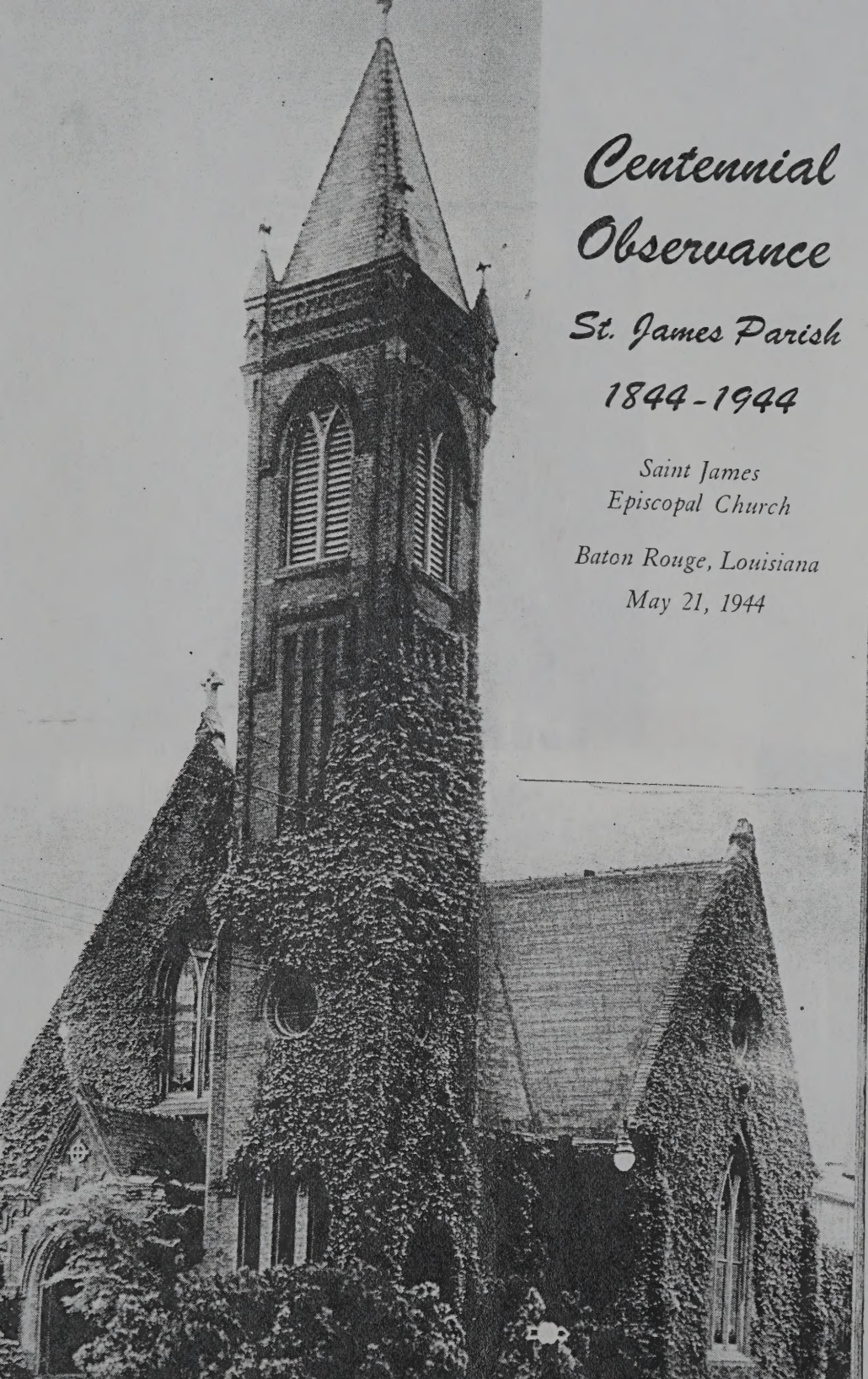
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St. James Vestry and Visiting Clergy

Centennial Sunday, May 21, 1944

- Rev. Philip Werlein
- Rev. John L. Womack
- Bishop John Long Jackson
- Rev. Joseph Ditchburn
- Chaplain Phillips, of Camp Van Dorn
- Rev. David S. Crumley, of St. Francisville, La.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

VESTRY:

C. V. Porter, Junior Warden

L. W. Brooks

J. H. Percy, Senior Warden

H. C. Leonard

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E. A. Sower

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C. B. Turner

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Dr. E. P. Flower

H. Payne Breazeale

W. P. Craddock

W. P. Barnes, Jr.

O. M. Thompson

Waldemar Landry

J. R. Wendt

ABSENT VESTRYMEN:

M. J. Rathbone — Out of Baton Rouge

General Troy H. Middleton *

Charles P. Manship *

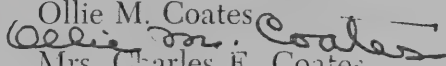
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Acknowledgments

Compiling this memorial booklet has been a labor of loving tribute to Saint James, associations with which have run, like a golden thread through the pattern of my life in Baton Rouge-years rich with hallowed memories.

Thanks are here extended to the many interested members of Saint James who have given assistance and bits of verbal information in compiling this data, and to the Rector, Mr. Werlein, the Senior Warden, Mr. J. H. Percy, the Junior Warden, Mr. C. V. Porter and the chairman of the Centennial Committee, Mr. L. W. Brooks. My greatest source of assistance has come from those years of association with Charles E. Coates, whose service as a vestryman and Warden, brought us into close touch with the history of Saint James.

Sincerely yours,

Ollie M. Coates

Mrs. Charles E. Coates
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
May, 1944

Foreword

It is with a deep sense of satisfaction and of thanksgiving to Almighty God that we, the members of St. James Church, Baton Rouge, come to the end of a century of worship and service in this community, and as a part of the Diocese of Louisiana.

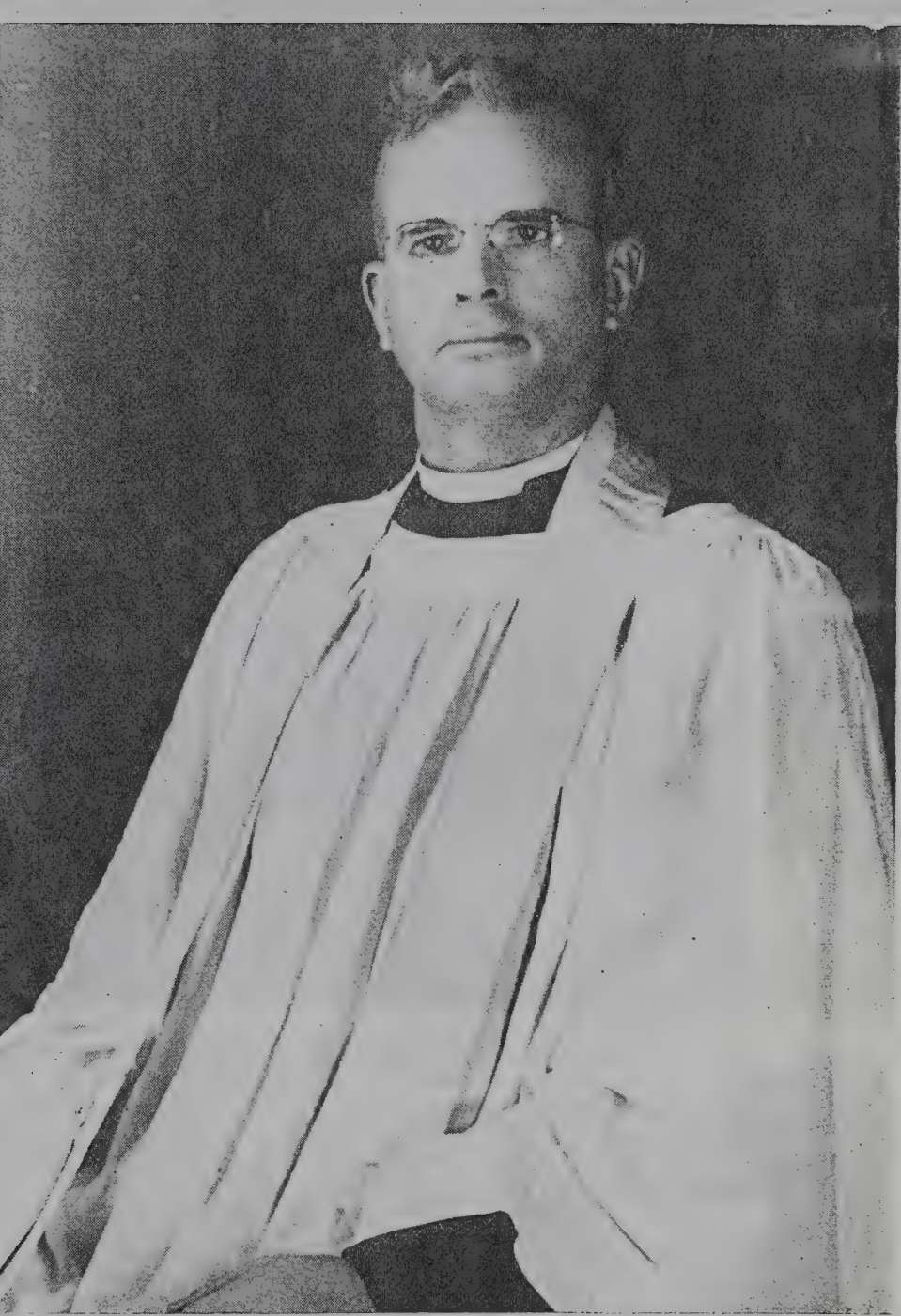
As we look back upon the loyalty and devotion of the consecrated men and women who have toiled so willingly and so well during past generations to keep alive, enlarge and enrich the Church in their age and generation, we realize how great our heritage is. We are deeply thankful that we have been permitted to add our bit to the accomplishments of the first century and to complete it.

We are equally thankful that it has fallen to us to start a new century of service and devotion. It will not be easy to maintain the same high standard set by those who have gone before; but, we are determined by the help of God to do so, and to give fully of our time, energy, and means, so that even greater goals and higher standards can be reached.

"O, may thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win, with them, the victor's crown of gold,
Alleluia.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Philip P. Werlein". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Philip P. Werlein, rector



The Reverend Philip Prentiss Wee'lin, M. A. (Oxon)
Rector of Saint James Episcopal Church
Baton Rouge, Louisiana
1935 —



*Right Reverend John Long Jackson, D. D.
Bishop of the Diocese of Louisiana*

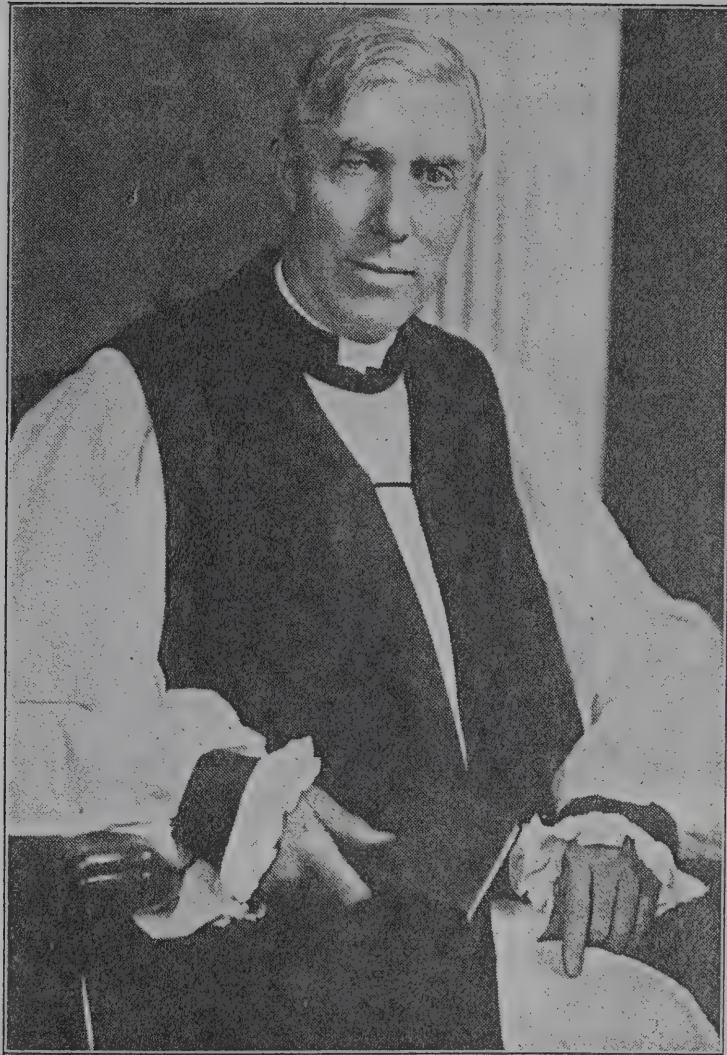
One hundred years of service in the extension of our Master's Kingdom and the building up of the spiritual lives of the Church families in St. James has been completed, and we thank God for the good examples of all the Clergy and laity who have had their share in this work so well done.

As we look forward to a second century of growth and usefulness for St. James, it challenges the present members of the congregation to dedicate themselves to the task; and as your Bishop I pray that our Heavenly Father will give you his strength to go forward in the service of your Master, and the Diocese expects always great things of such a congregation.

Very gratefully and sincerely
Your Friend and Bishop,

John L. Jackson.

Bishop of Louisiana



*The Right Reverend Henry St. George Tucker, D. D.
Presiding Bishop and President of the National Council
Protestant Episcopal Church of America*

"This is just a line to confirm my telegram which I sent off in answer to your letter of March 10th stating that it will be impossible for me to accept your invitation to come to Baton Rouge for May.

I do want you to know how interested I am in this celebration of the one hundredth anniversary of your parish. Had it been possible for me to get away I should have counted it a great privilege to take part in that celebration. Will you kindly extend to the members of the parish my heartiest congratulations.

I pray that God's blessings may rest upon them in the future so that in the next hundred years the parish may be even more effective in promoting God's purpose here on earth.

With kind regards, I am,

Yours faithfully,

H. St. George Tucker

H. St. George Tucker, Presiding Bishop.

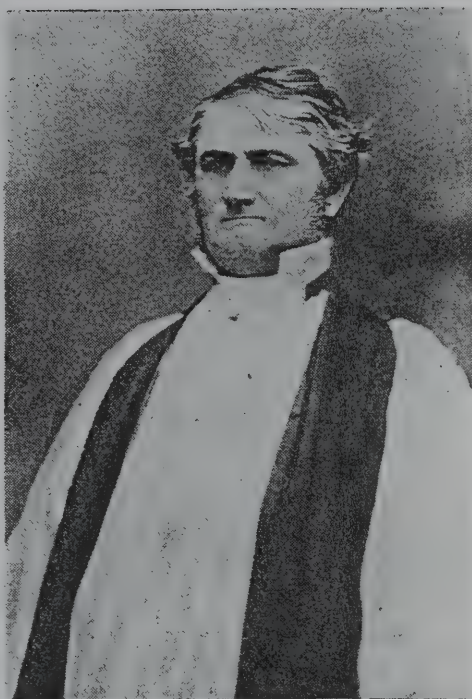
A Centennial of Service

Bishops of the Diocese of Louisiana

Right Rev. Leonidas Polk, D. D.

From 1844 to 1864

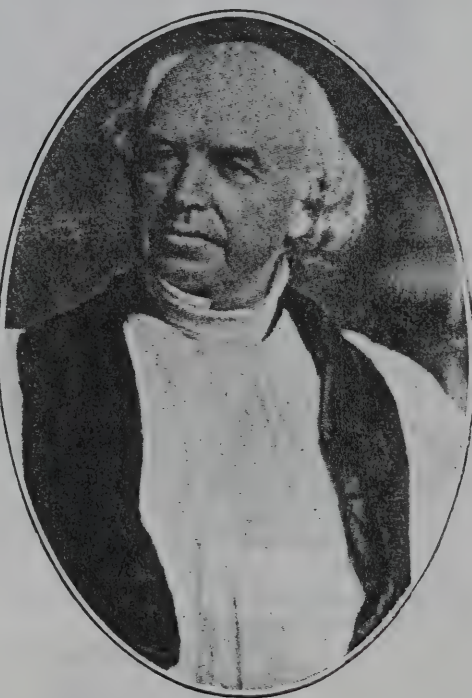
Pioneer Bishop of the Diocese of Louisiana. A beloved spiritual leader, statesman, soldier and founder of the University of the South, Sewanee, Tenn.



Right Rev. Joseph Pere Bell Wilmer, D.D.

From 1866 to 1878

He held the church together during the tragic aftermath of the War Between the States. Louisiana lay torn and weary, beset by floods, epidemics, political disturbances of reconstruction days, and financial panic. The church in Louisiana was strengthened by the zeal, personal courage and self-sacrifice of this dauntless spiritual leader.



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Right Rev. John Nicholas Galleher, D.D.

from 1880 to 1891

His leadership was marked by steady progress. The Children's Home was greatly enlarged and an Episcopal residence was purchased. "A wise administrator, gentle and merciful where it is meet to be gentle and merciful; firm and inflexible whenever necessary. A companion, ever genial; a friend, ever reliable. Unpretentious, yet brilliant; modest, yet a prince." "Day by day he demonstrates his right to occupy not alone the official position, but the place, in every sense, of his predecessors Polk and Wilmer." (quoted from History of the Diocese of Louisiana by the Rev. Herman Pope Duncan, page 47.)



Right Rev. Davis Sessums, D. D.

from 1891 to 1929

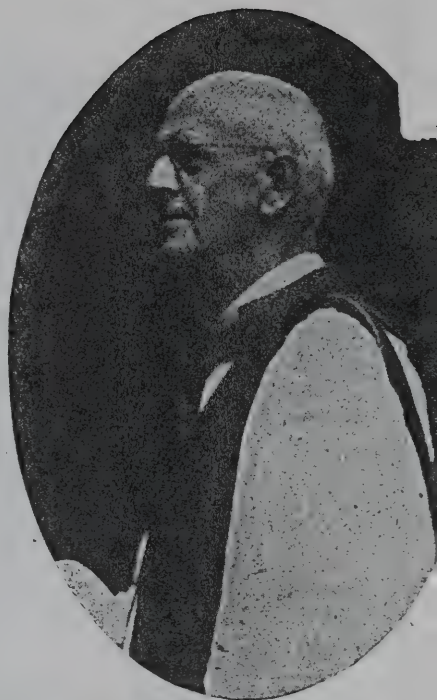
Our beloved leader whom many of us remember affectionately as a "prince among men", an eloquent orator and a widely loved leader. He was a worthy successor to his father-in-law who preceded him as Bishop of Louisiana. The Episcopal Student Center on the campus of the Louisiana State University was named for him — The Davis Sessums Memorial Student Center — in commemoration of his thirty-eight years of service as Bishop of Louisiana.



Right Rev. James Craik Morris, D.D.

From 1930 to 1939

His election as Bishop of this diocese took place in Saint James here in Baton Rouge at annual council meeting of the church in 1930. Under his leadership the church was revived after the terrible depression of 1929. Many closed churches and missions were reopened and clergy provided for them. In 1936 a Centennial Fund, commemorating the founding of the diocese of Louisiana was gathered as an endowment fund to be placed at interest. The sum finally totalled \$77,000. Of this, \$10,000 was given by St. James Church, Baton Rouge. All indebtedness in the diocese was eventually removed thereby. The year 1936 also marked the Golden Jubilee Anniversary of the Woman's Auxiliary in the Diocese of Louisiana and the Auxiliary gathered a Golden Jubilee Offering of \$1,000 and gave to the Bishop for this Centennial Fund. Bishop Morris retired because of ill health in 1939, beloved by the whole Diocese.



Right Rev. John Long Jackson, D. D.

From 1940—

Our present beloved leader, wise counselor and friend, who carries us from "strength to strength" out of the old century, rich with accomplishments, into a new one full of promise for a future of spiritual growth and material expansion.

CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION SERVICE
 SAINT JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH
 BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA
 May, Twenty-first, 1944

PROGRAM

Processional	530
Sentences	
General Confession and Absolution	
Lord's Prayer	
Venite	
Psalm 148	
First Lesson	Isaiah, Chapter 12
The Reverend David S. Crumley, Rector, Grace Church, Saint Francisville (Second Church in the Diocese founded 1828).	
Te Deum laudamus	(Dudley Buck in A Flat)
Second Lesson	Epistle to the Philippians, Chapter 4
Rev. Joseph S. Ditchburn, Dean of Central Convocation	
Jubilate Deo	
Apostle's Creed	
Collects, Prayers	
Hymn	445
Sermon	The Right Reverend John L. Jackson, D. D. Bishop of Louisiana
Doxology	
Offertory	Solo—Lorraine Wright
"America"	
Closing Prayers and Benediction	The Bishop
Hymn (kneeling)	"O Lord of air and land and sea, Guard Thou our sons who fight for Thee; Give them the courage to endure, And hearts whose aims are high and pure. O Lord of air and land and sea, Guard Thou our sons who fight for Thee."
Recessional	464

One Hundred Years of Stewardship

List of Rectors from 1844 to 1944

Data on Baptisms and Confirmations

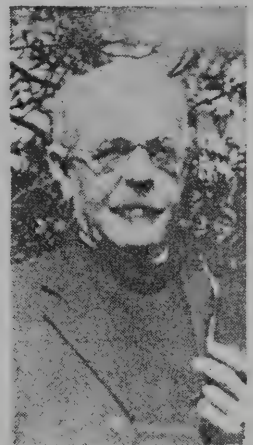
St. James Episcopal Church — 1844-1944



F. S. DeMATTOS
1886-1889



JOSEPH CORNISH
1889-1898



LOUIS TUCKER
1906-1909

April, 1845	Clergy	Baptisms	Conf.
1845-	Bishop Polk	5	44
	Rev. Mr. Kerr	5	
1846-1850	Rev. J. Brooke	16	
1851-1852	Rev. J. H. Linebaugh	15	
1852-1854	Rev. J. S. Chadbourne	11	6
1854-1860	Rev. Elijah Guion	66	10
1860-1865	Rev. J. Gierlow	44 (6 col.)	
1865-1867	Rev. D. L. Lewis	24	20
1867-1868	Rev. John Philson	6 (1 col.)	11
1868-1876	Rev. H. N. Strong	186	85
1876-1879	Rev. Chas. Stewart	56	3
1879-1886	Rev. Chas. Goodrich	116	56
1886-1889	Rev. F. S. De Mattos	73	87
1889-1898	Rev. Joseph J. Cornish	108	109
1898-1900	Rev. J. Wilmer Gresham	54	22
1900-1906	Rev. J. L. Tucker	69	72
1906-1909	Rev. Louis Tucker	95	45
1909-1910	Rev. H. K. Brouse	5	
1910-1917	Rev. J. Gilmer Buskie	117	124
1917-1919	Rev. J. G. H. Spearing	21	75
1919-1923	Rev. Royal K. Tucker	151	158
1923-1934	Rev. M. W. Lockhart	170	356
1935-1944	Rev. Philip P. Werlein	270	454
TOTAL		1721	1751

(We regret that it was impossible to get photographs of all of the former clergy of Saint James.)



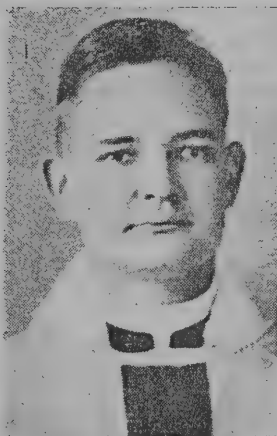
ROYAL TUCKER
1919-1923

Assistant Rectors

- 1925-1927 Rev. Richard H. Baker,
Jr.
1940-1941 Rev. Iverson B. Noland
1941-1942 Rev. George Provost
1943- Rev. John L. Womack



MALCOLM LOCKHART
1923-1935



IVERSON B. NOLAND
Assistant Rector
April 10, 1941 to June 15, 1942



JOHN LEE WOMACK
Assistant Rector
January 1, 1943 —

VESTRYMEN OF ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

FIRST VESTRY — 1843 - 1844

F. D. Newcomb, Sr., Warden

William Markham, Jr., Warden

Vestrymen

Cornelius R. French
Alfred Gates

William M. Fulton
Daniel D. Avery

A. A. Williams

PRESENT VESTRY — 1944

J. H. Percy, Sr., Warden

C. V. Porter, Jr., Warden

Vestrymen

L. D. Asmus
W. T. Austin
W. P. Barnes, Jr.
Mercer Barrow
L. W. Brooks
H. P. Breazeale
W. P. Craddock
Dr. E. P. Flower
Wilmer Grayson
F. G. Hochendel, Sr.
C. J. Huguet
Waldemar Landry

Charles P. Manship, Sr.
Hal C. Leonard
Ivy L. Morris
Troy Middleton
M. J. Rathbone
G. M. Ronaldson
O. M. Thompson, Treasurer
C. B. Turner
B. A. Washburn
J. R. Wendt
Edgar A. Sowar, Secretary

WARDENS OF ST. JAMES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

From 1844 to 1944, inclusive.

Senior Wardens

F. D. Newcomb
J. M. Brunot
William Markham
Dr. C. R. French
George S. Lacey
William Henderson
Oscar Barbee
W. H. Stroube
W. M. Rhodus
S. W. Bacot
James Clayton
Charles E. Coates
J. H. Percy

Junior Wardens

William Markham
Alfred Gates
F. D. Conrad
Oscar Barbee
Frederick D. Turnard
A. B. Payne
R. M. Walsh
Jacob West McMain
John A. Dougherty
R. S. McCullough
W. H. Stroube
W. M. Rhodus
S. W. Bacot
G. N. Lamon
S. I. Reymond
James Clayton
J. C. Hamilton
Charles E. Coates
J. H. Percy
C. V. Porter

Historical High Lights of Saint James

Before the charter for Saint James Parish was finally granted in 1844, there were many definite efforts by several interested and earnest individuals to form such a group. These can only be touched upon briefly in a booklet of this type, so a series of historical high lights; outstanding events of note, will be given in chronological order as they occurred in more than a century in the life of the Episcopal church in Baton Rouge.

About 1819 Mr. William Jennison, a licensed lay reader of Boston, was teacher and lay reader among a group of Episcopalians in Baton Rouge for about three years.

March 16, 1820 This group was incorporated as the "Episcopal Congregation of Baton Rouge, Louisiana". This charter expired in 1830. The church ceased to exist.

January 1, 1840 The Rev. William R. Lacey, D. D., of Pennsylvania and the Rev. Roderick H. Ranney of Louisiana, came to Baton Rouge to be president of the College of Baton Rouge and professor of languages and mathematics respectively. They served until June of 1841. Rev. Ranney was then appointed president of the College of Baton Rouge and served until 1844. Continuous work of the church began with these two men.

Among the early founders of the church in Baton Rouge was Mrs. Zachary Taylor, wife of President Zachary Taylor who was called to the presidency of the United States from the garrison in Baton Rouge, later the site of the former Louisiana State University. From an article on "Mrs. Zachary Taylor in Baton Rouge" by Margaret Schoenbrodt, we quote the following: "Mrs. Taylor was a member of the Protestant Episcopal Church and felt keenly the absence of one in Baton Rouge. She chose a room in one of the garrison buildings which, under her personal supervision, was transformed into a suitable little chapel. She engaged the services of a Rector to preach occasionally. In this way she was one of the founders of the Episcopal Church in Baton Rouge."

January 29, 1843 Bishop Polk first visited the congregation and confirmed five persons.

February 26, 1843 This group was organized under the name of "Saint James Church of East Baton Rouge".

March 25, 1844 CHARTER WAS GRANTED TO SAINT JAMES PARISH.

January 8, 9, 10, 1844 A "Ladies Fair" was held to raise funds for a building. \$610 was realized.

May 5, 1844 Another "Ladies Fair" was held to raise funds for the building and cleared \$225.

June 15, 1844 Saint James Parish admitted into union with the Convention of the Diocese of Louisiana.

- January 30, 1845 Two lots were leased on the corner of Church (once Main and now Fourth) and Convention, on the present site. Only one lot was finally kept.
- 1845 A committee of three, consisting of William Markham, George Lacey and Alfred Gates, was appointed by the vestry to contract for the erection of the church. A. T. Wood was the architect.
- June 26, 1845 Corner stone of the church was laid by Rev. W. H. Lamon of West Baton Rouge.
- 1846 The building was completed in time for the Diocesan Convention. The first service in the new church was the inaugural service of the Diocesan Convention, April 22, 1846.
- October 21, 1846 The Vestry requested the ladies to start a Sunday School. Rev. John Burke was Rector.
- 1847 "The Ladies Association" was thanked by the Vestry for funds to complete the church.
- 1847 A gift of \$200 was received from William I. Minor of Natchez.
- 1851 Daniel D. Avery Esq., for a long time a vestryman and a benefactor of the church, gave the Vestry a lot of ground on which to build "a Parsonage".
- July 1, 1854 A Seminary for Ladies was opened in the rectory. Rev. Elijah Guion was Rector.
- 1856 Ladies of the congregation raised \$950.00 for the rectory. \$750.00 of this bought the lot back of the church for the rectory and \$200.00 was paid on the building. This is the site of the present rectory.
- 1857 The vestry officially thanked the ladies for the money they gave for the plot of ground for the "Parsonage" and for funds to complete the debt on the church building.
- 1858 "The vestry acknowledges the obligation due to Mrs. S. V. J. Sinton for her kindness and liberality in paying the sum of \$200.00, the amount of the balance due for the purchase of the lot on which the church is situated". Also, "Resolved — "That the thanks of the vestry are hereby tendered to Capt. William Markham for his liberality in paying the sum of \$66.00, amount of one of the notes due by the church for purchase money for the lot on which the same is situated."
- 1860 The Rectory completed under the Rev. John Gierlow who succeeded the Rev. Elijah Guion.
- 1850-1861 Under the leadership of the following four Rectors—Rev. G. H. Linebaugh, Rev. J. S. Chadbourne, Rev. Elijah Guion and Rev. John Gierlow, the parish attained prosperity. All pews were taken and there were applications for more. There were seventy-four communicants.
- 1861-1866 The Civil War intervened. For five years the church

was without a Rector Had it not been for the faithful leadership of Miss Cornelia French and some of the ladies the Sunday School could not have carried on.

- 1867 This excerpt from the minutes of the vestry of this year is of interest. "It is distinctly understood by the Vestry that the ladies of the congregation of Saint James, to whom the Parsonage belongs, have formally turned over the same to the exclusive control of the Vestry to give to the minister for a residence, or to rent for his exclusive benefit, as they, the Vestry, may elect."
- 1867 The Ladies Society is called "the Pastoral Aid Society of Saint James Church".
- 1867 The Pastoral Aid Society gave a sum of money (\$280.00) to reroof the church.
- 1867 Rev. John Philson was Rector for one year.
- 1868-1876 A recessed chancel was built through the generosity of Dr. T. J. Buffington. A font and a bell were purchased. The Rev. Henry N. Strong was Rector.
- 1874 The church was declared "free". This is interpreted to mean that there was no longer any charge for pews.
- 1876-1879 The Rev. Charles Stewart was Rector for three years.
- April 1879-June 1886 Rev. Charles Goodrich, D. D., was Rector.
- 1884 A new organ was purchased for \$500.00. Also new stained glass windows for \$500.00.
- January 12, 1885 The Vestry orders a tablet erected to the memory of William Markham, who, "for forty-one years had served the parish faithfully and well". He was one of the original incorporators of Saint James Church.
- May 1, 1886 William Britt Clark, professor of music at the State Institute for the Blind, was made organist for Saint James and served thereafter for nearly forty-five years. When a new Pilcher organ was purchased for the church, he was sent to Louisville, Ky., where he remained to supervise the building of the same.
- 1886-1889 During this time the Rev. Frederick S. De Mattos, was twelfth Rector. He increased the number of communicants to 162. A new altar was given by the Beale family and the handsome brass cross on it was given by the Rector's confirmation class. (The old altar and font were at this time given to Christ Church, Port Allen. This church no longer exists.) The church prospered under his leadership.
- October, 1887 A handsome granite font was given in memory of of Thomas Williams, a Major in the Fifth U. S. Artillery and a Brigadier General of the U. S. Volunteers, who was killed in the battle of Baton Rouge, August 5, 1862.

1888 The following resolution taken from the minutes of the Vestry is of historic interest in connection with the building of the present church.

"Be it resolved — 1st — That we, the Rector, Wardens and Vestrymen of Saint James Church, Baton Rouge, recognizing the eminent services to the church of the first Bishops of Louisiana, the Rt. Rev. Leonidas Polk, D. D., and the Rt. Rev. J. P. B. Wilmer, D. D., do take steps to perpetuate the memory of these two beloved Bishops of our Diocese, by the erection of a suitable church to be known as "Saint James Church, the Polk-Wilmer Memorial".

Be it further resolved 2nd — "That, with the view of carrying this into effect, the Vestry be appointed a committee (the Rector to be one) to solicit subscriptions for this laudable purpose and to secure designs for the proposed church; the committee to report to the Vestry for final action not later than the regular October meeting, 1887." These resolutions were unanimously adopted.

1889-1898 The Rev. J. J. Cornish was Rector. In four years \$2,500.00 was collected from Easter offerings dedicated by the Vestry for this purpose. Encouraged by this, a committee was appointed to solicit funds for a building. The committee consisted of William Garig, S. I. Reymond, O. B. Steele, John D. Fisher and Rev. Mr. Cornish, the Rector. The present church was built.

1895 The building was completed under W. L. Stevens, Sr., architect and W. H. Miller, contractor.

1897 Tablets to the memory of Rev. Goodrich and Capt. Markham were removed from the old church and placed on the walls of the new one.

July 6, 1898-1900 The Rev. J. Wilmer Gresham was called to be rector in 1898 and served until 1900.

1899 The Vestry sanctioned the organization of a vested choir.

1900-1906 Rev. Joseph L. Tucker, D. D., was called to be Rector of Saint James. We are indebted to him for the beautiful carvings which ornament the chancel panels. The panels were incomplete at the time of his death in 1906. His son who succeeded him as Rector, carved the three remaining panels (See "Clerical Errors" page 188 by Rev. Louis Tucker, D. D.)

1901 The church interior was decorated by private subscription from a group of contributors. Charles E. Coates was chairman.

1902 The red carpet in the church was laid. There were 679 yards of carpet at a cost of \$901.57. Name of giver was withheld by request.

1902 The present altar rail with brass standards, was given by Mrs. William Garig.

1905 Authority was given to the Rector through the vestry, to give

the pulpit, reading desk and chancel rail from the old church to the Parish of Lindsay.

1906 Rev. Joseph L. Tucker, D. D., died.

1906-1909 Rev. Louis Tucker, son of the Rev. Joseph Tucker, was called to Saint James and served from 1906-1909. In his recent book "Clerical Errors", Rev. Louis Tucker says: "My first job in Baton Rouge was putting the parish records into shape." (Page 96). This he did in an excellent manner.

Saint James Branch of the Woman's Auxiliary was organized by Mr. Tucker to take part in the missionary work of the church. At that time the Woman's Auxiliary was under the Board of Missions. There were then three women's organizations at Saint James — the Pastoral Aid Society, the oldest organization, whose duty it was to look after needs of the parish, the Altar Guild and the Woman's Auxiliary.

1908 Saint James Parish Boy's Club was organized and flourished under Mr. Tucker's leadership.

1908 First mention of "The Messenger", the church paper appears in the minutes of the Vestry at this time.

1908 A bequest of \$250.00 from Mrs. William J. Knox was received for the purchase of a silver communion service. The safe to keep this in was also bought at this time.

1909-1910 The Rev. H. K. Brouse, M. D., D. D., was locum tenens after the resignation of Rev. Louis Tucker.

1910-1917 Rev. J. Gilmer Buskie was called to be Rector in 1910 and served until 1917.

1910 Three Tiffany glass windows were installed over the altar in the chancel to the memory of Eleanor Garig Connell and Elvira Dougherty Garig on Easter Sunday, 1910.

A set of altar hangings for the different church seasons were made and embroidered by a group of members of the Altar Guild under the leadership of the president, Mrs. S. I. Reymond and presented. These were of such excellent workmanship and beauty that the Rector took them to a Triennial of the Church to exhibit them.

1916 \$520.00 was paid on the church building debt by the Pastoral Aid Society under the leadership of Mrs. William McCausland, for many years its president.

April 22, 1917 The church debt having been removed, the building "and its memorials and fabric" was consecrated by Bishop Davis Sessums, assisted by the Rev. J. Gilmer Buskie and Very Rev. William A. Barr, Dean of Christ Church Cathedral, New Orleans, on Sunday, April 22, 1917.

1917 Rev. Mr. Buskie was granted a leave of absence to join the armed forces as Chaplain in World War I.

- 1917-1918 Rev. Joseph H. Spearing served as Rector during the leave of absence of Rev. Mr. Buskie. As this was the time of World War I a great spiritual revival was apparent under the leadership of Mr. Spearing. Many men came into the church and were confirmed. Mr. Spearing resigned because of ill health in 1918.
- 1918 Four Liberty Bonds of \$500.00 each were given for the purchase of a Parish House. Name of giver was withheld.
- 1918 A parish paper, "The Appeal" was published by Rev. Mr. Spearing.
- 1918 Mrs. Ella T. Duy was appointed Parish Collector and Visitor.
- 1918 Rev. Mr. Spearing purchased an American Flag and Service Flag and dedicated them at eleven o'clock service on July 28, 1918.
- 1919-1923 Rev. Royal K. Tucker was called as Rector to succeed Rev. Mr. Spearing and served until 1923, having come to Saint James immediately after serving as Chaplain in World War I.
- 1919 The ladies of the church met jointly with the vestry to discuss the advisability of acquiring a Parish House.
- 1922 A fire in the church threatened the property but quick action of the fire department prevented great damage.
- 1922 The eucharistic candles in memory of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Steele were dedicated.
- 1922 A credence table was dedicated on Easter Sunday to the memory of Mrs. Caroline Bilger.
- 1922 Saint James Parish House was bought from the Knights of Pythias Society for \$35,000.00. A bequest from Mrs. Allene Holmes McArdle, "a generous contributor" was used toward this debt. A tablet hangs on the walls of the Parish House to her memory.
- 1923 Rev. Royal K. Tucker resigned and was succeeded by the Rev. Malcolm W. Lockhart.
- 1923-1935 For eleven and a half years the Rev. Malcolm W. Lockhart served as Rector — the longest term of any of the Rectors of Saint James. Outstanding in his service here was the response of the man of the church. A men's Club was organized which held enthusiastic meetings. Young Peoples Service League for juniors, Saint James Club for college age and the Church School flourished. A "Bishop's Crusade" was held, with outstanding Bishops, returning from Triennial meeting, as speakers. This revival filled the church to capacity.
- The Woman's Auxiliary, the Pastoral Aid Society and the Altar Guild were merged into one large body called the Woman's Auxiliary, with twelve groups and leaders, to work under the unified plan of the National Council of the Church in all fields of service..

Movement for the Episcopal Student Center on the Campus of Louisiana State University was initiated by Mr. Lockhart and adopted by the Council. The present Davis Semmums Memorial Episcopal Student Center, with Rev. Joseph Ditchburn as Chaplain, is the realization of this idea. Saint James Parish contributed \$10,000 to this fund.

1935 The vestry placed a tablet in the church to the memory of James H. Clayton, for thirty one years its senior warden.

December 5, 1935 Upon the resignation of Rev. Malcolm Lockhart in 1935, the Rev. Philip P. Werlein M. A. (Oxon) was called to be Rector of Saint James. Under his leadership the church has been put in excellent condition during the nine years he has served. Services are marked by good attendance with overflow crowds on special days. All indebtedness has been removed. The associate vestry has been enlarged.

Once again war has entered our midst and taken over 200 of our young men and women in the armed forces. Every Thursday morning these are remembered at a special service in the church. Men in the armed forces are made welcome at Saint James. A reading and writing room has been fitted up for them in the Parish House. Regular entertainments sponsored by the church, are held for these men each month.

1938 A bequest of \$1,000.00 was received from Mrs. Claire Bates Ramires.

1940 The vestry placed a memorial tablet in the church to the memory of Charles E. Coates for "forty-four years a member of Saint James Church and thirty-three years its junior warden and four years its senior warden".

1940 On October 3, 1940 Rev. Iverson B. Noland was ordained in Saint James and later, called to be assistant Rector.

1941 A new three manual electrically controlled Ernest M. Skinner organ was installed in the church and has been paid for.

1941 A bequest of \$1,000.00 was received from Mrs. I. D. Wall.

1941 A set of chimes was given for the organ in memory of Christine Folse by her mother.

1941 Rev. Iverson Noland joins the armed forces.

1941 Rev. George Provost was called to be assistant Rector.

1943 Rev. John L. Womack was ordained in Saint James on October 22.

1943 Rev. John L. Womack was called as Assistant Rector to Saint James and Missioner to the churches in East Feliciana.

1943 Kneeling benches were installed in the pews by a group of laymen: "In memory of the Rev. J. J. Cornish and those faithful men and women who loyally assisted him with their time and

money in the erection of this church in 1895". A marker bearing this inscription will be placed to mark this memorial as soon as the time is suitable to purchase one.

1944 Baptized members of Saint James now number 1751, thus showing the good work of our Rector as he ably carries on the work of these hundred years just ended.

March 26, 1944 A commemorative sermon was preached in Saint James on this Sunday, March 26, the nearest to the anniversary of granting of the charter for Saint James Parish — March 25, 1844.

May 8, 1944 The vestry votes unanimously to dedicate the organ to the memory of Prof. W. B. Clark, for nearly forty-five years organist at Saint James.

May 21, 1944 Centennial Sunday is observed in Saint James Church, May 21, 1944.

A class is confirmed by Bishop Jackson.

The Vestry announces a substantial sum toward a Centennial Observance Fund for the building of a modern educational building and other expansions in our new century of service.



SAINT JAMES PARISH HOUSE



"Saint James Parish House was acquired in 1922. It was bought from the Knights of Pythias Fraternal Order for the sum of \$35,000.00 for a parochial center with offices and a study for the Rector. The Church School has its class rooms here. There is also a reading and writing room fitted up for men in the armed forces. It is a sturdy old building, now well over a hundred years old and still possessing in the rear the old slave quarters. Major Samuel M. Hart, who lived there during the War between the States, built the house for his residence. David French Boyd, second president of Louisiana State University, once owned the place. Later it was bought by John D. Fisher and used for a number of years as his family residence. Other families have occupied the place throughout the years."

Plans are being drawn up to alter this building by adding at the rear added space to house the growing needs of the Parish. A Centennial Fund will be gathered in commemoration of our one hundred years of service as a building and expansion fund for a new Century of Service when the time is once again favorable for building.

SAINT JAMES RECTORY



"The rectory which stands immediately to the rear of the church on Convention St., also has an interesting history. When the Rev. Elijah Guion became rector of St. James church in 1845, one of the first things he started was a seminary for young ladies, which he and his wife conducted. This interest and confidence in the "fair sex" was soon repaid, for two years later, the ladies of the congregation raised \$950, using \$750 of it to acquire the present site of the rectory and \$200 towards the new building. The rectory, then a cottage with fourteen foot ceilings and a central hall, was completed in 1861 under his successor, the Rev. John Gierlow. Much later, under the rectorship of the Rev. Malcolm Lockhart, a second floor was added, thus giving it six bed-rooms, two bath rooms, a living room, study, dining room and kitchen. Two years ago, 1942, new hard wood floors were laid downstairs and the entire house put in excellent condition."

Excerpt from centennial sermon of the Rev. Philip Werlein on Sunday, March 26, 1944 in commemoration of the anniversary of the granting of the charter of Saint James on March 25, 1844.



MEMORIALS IN SAINT JAMES CHURCH

The following memorials have been placed in the church "To the Glory of God" and in memory of the following:

Bible on the Lectern — "Presented to Saint James Church by Mrs. William B. Walker, 1869".

Lectern — Brass eagle with wings spread — "To the Glory of God and in loving memory of McCalop Garig 1874-1896".

Pulpit-Carved angel at foot, "To the Glory of God and in memory of William Garig, 1839-1903."

Altar — "To the Glory of God and in loving memory of our Mother— Mary Anne Beale".

Brass Altar Cross — "To the Glory of God—Presented by the Confirmation Class of 1887-1888, Trinity Sunday 1888 — Rector F. S. De Mattos".

Brass Altar Vases — One pair — "To the Glory of God and in loving memory of Henry L. Fuqua".

The other pair — "To the Glory of God and in loving memory of Gertrude McClelland — b. Nov. 3, 1910 - d. May 1913".

Tall brass Eucharistic Candle holders — "To the Glory of God and in loving memory of Juliet Martha Steele, Ollie Brice Steele".

Three Tiffany stained glass windows above the Altar — "To the Glory of God and in loving memory of Eleanor Garig Connell and Elvira Dougherty Garig, Easter 1910".

Missal on the Altar stand — "In loving memory of Marion Tempel. Given by the Episcopal Business Women's Club". (Not marked but told by Miss Katharine Doherty, who was Altar Guild Director for many years.)

Pair of large Pontifical Chairs in Chancel — "To the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mrs. L. H. Green — b. 1836 - d. 1905".

Pair of Chancel Chairs — "To the Glory of God and in loving memory of Mrs. T. Jones Cross — 1861-1941".

Panel Carvings in Chancel — "In loving memory of the Rev. J. L. Tucker, D. D., Rector of this Parish from Easter 1899 to his death on Septuagesima Sunday, 1906. He carved these panels". (At the time of his death three panels were incomplete. His son, who followed him as Rector, completed these panels. See "Clerical Errors" by L. J. Tucker, page 188.)

Credence Table — "To the Glory of God and in loving memory of Caroline R. Bilger, 1835-1916".

Brass vase on Credence Table — Not marked but we are told by Mrs. W. B. Clark that this vase was given by Mrs. Wilmer Gresham, wife of one of the former Rectors of this Parish, with the request that "it would always hold a little flower".

Brass Chancel Rail — Given by Mrs. William Garig.

Brass processional cross — Gift of Mrs. S. I. Reymond.

Hymn Board on right wall given by Dr. Lester Williams — "To the Glory of God and in loving memory of Maggie and Austin D. Williams, 1944".

Silk Banner on Brass Standard for Sunday School, given by Mrs. Francis Hardy in memory of her grandson, Malcolm Lockhart, Jr. "For of such is the kingdom of heaven".

Set of Green Altar Hangings — In memory of Mrs. S. I. Reymond, in loving memory of her services as President of the Altar Guild under whose leadership the embroidered altar hangings were made.

Modern light fixtures in the church — A memorial — Giver's name withheld by request.

Silver Communion Services — "To the Glory of God and in loving memory of Robertine Green Knox". (Silver chalice, tall silver tankard, small silver tankard and silver patens.)

Silver wafer box — "To the Glory of God and in loving memory of Inez Hyams Kidder".

Silver Bowl — "To the Glory of God and in memory of William Leake and Elizabeth Mumford Stirling, Christmas, 1940".

Silver chalice — "In memoriam — Charles E. Coates."

Silver paten — "In memoriam — Charles E. Coates."

Two handsome embroidered silk stoles were made by Mrs. S. I. Reymond and dedicated to her sister's memory—Annie Shaffer Van Sickle.

Silver Offering Basin — "To the Glory of God and in loving memory of Anthony Doherty, 1844-1907 and Catharine Hereford Doherty, 1847-1918".

Brass Prayer Desk — "In loving memory of Frederick Farrar McArdle and Alleen Holmes McArdle".

Prayer Book on the Prayer Desk (not marked) — "In loving memory of Kathleen Stirling Edmonds".

Swining Eucharistic Censer — The gift of Mr. and Mrs. Don B. Hearin — "In loving memory of their beloved departed".

Organ (purchased 1941 by the Congregation).

"The Organ in St. James Church is to be dedicated to the memory of Prof. W. B. Clarke who served as organist for forty-five years".
—From minutes of Vestry meeting, May 8, 1944.

Chimes and Church Service Flag, given by her mother, Mrs. Foltz—
"In loving memory of Myrtle Christine Foltz — died Mother's Day, 1941.

Carpet in the Church, March 17, 1902, 696 yards of carpet was given as a memorial. Name of the giver withheld by request.

° Baptismal Font — "In memoriam — Thomas Williams, Major, 5th U. S. Artillery; Brig.-General, U. S. Volunteers. Born Albany, N. Y., January 16, 1815 — Died Baton Rouge, La., August 5, 1862".

Tablets on the Walls—

1885 "William Markham—Forty-one years vestryman of this Church. Thirty-eight years its Senior Warden". (This tablet brought from the old Church.)

1886 "Rev. Charles Goodrich, D. D., who served over fifty years in the ministry. Rector of St. James from April 21, 1879 to June 1886". (This tablet brought from the old Church.)

1936 "James Clayton — Thirty-nine years vestryman of this Church. Thirty-one years its Senior Warden".

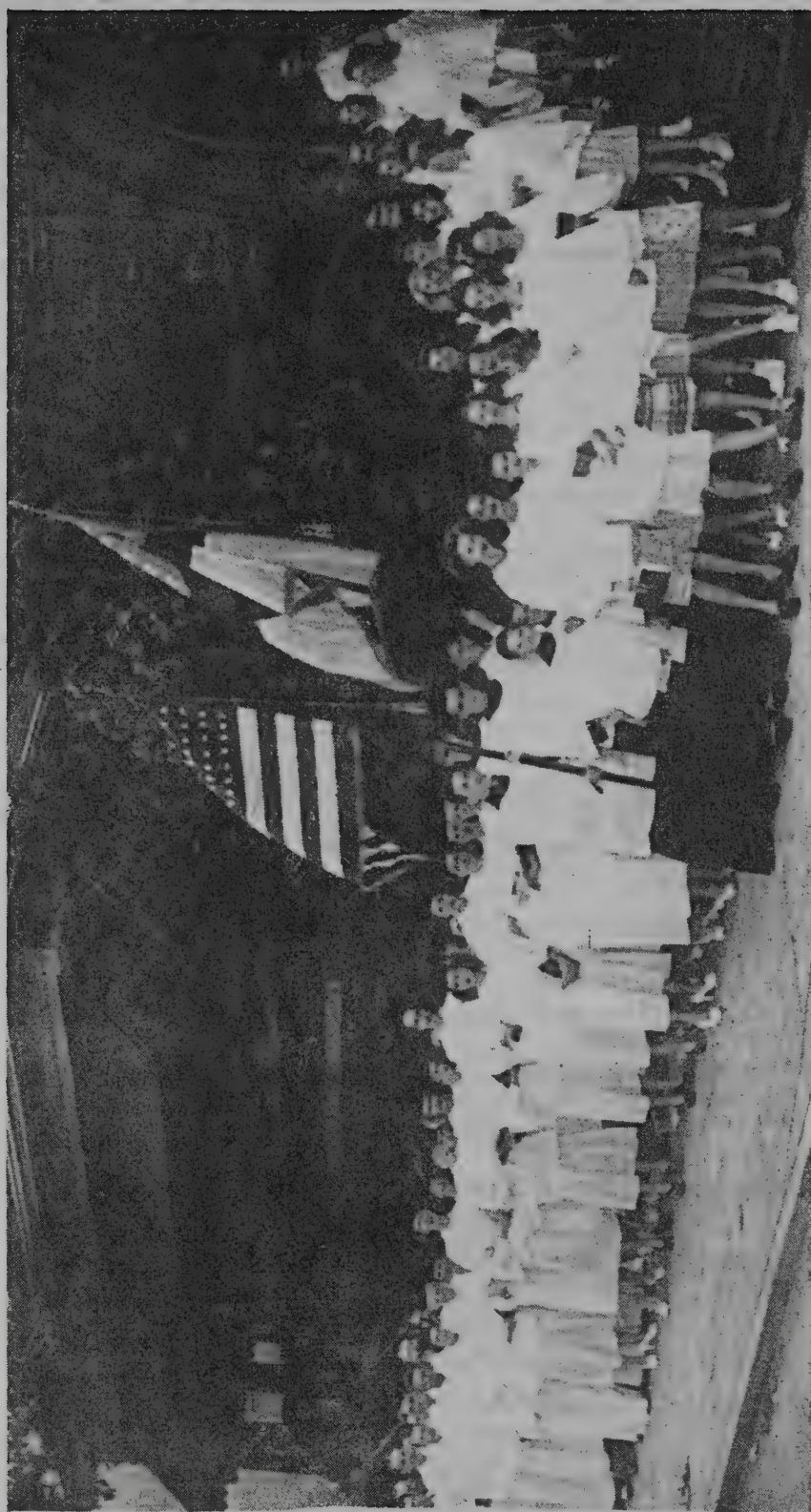
1940 "Charles E. Coates — Forty-four years a vestryman of this Church. Thirty-three years its Junior Warden. Four years its Senior Warden".

Kneeling benches—In 1943 kneeling benches were installed by a group of laymen—"In memory of Rev. J. J. Cornish and those faithful men and women who so loyally assisted him with their time and money, in the erection of this present church".

* Told by Mrs. W. B. Clark.

"On Sunday, August 3, 1862, during the War Between the States, when the Federal forces occupied the Barracks in Baton Rouge. Mrs. Thomas Edwards (Eliza Avery French), mother of Mrs. W. B. Clarke, was sitting in the family pew at worship at St. James when a group of federal officers came in in full dress uniforms with swords and spurs and sat down beside her. She looked up at a very handsome young officer next to her and thought "What a pity he is a Yankee". He took off his sword and knelt down to worship. At communion he knelt again beside her by chance. On the following Tuesday, August 5, 1862, he was killed in the battle of Baton Rouge. Years passed and the Cotton States Centennial Exposition was held in New Orleans in 1885. The son came to New Orleans for this and made a special trip to Baton Rouge to see the Rector of St. James, Rev. F. S. DeMattos, to see if he could find any information about his father. The rector took him to call on Mrs. Edwards who recounted the above experience to him. He was deeply moved and ask if he might send a memorial to his father's memory. This memorial is the present granite baptismal font."

Later also corroborated by Mrs. DeMattos, who said the font was made in Italy and was made large enough to immerse an infant if desired.



Saint James Senior and Junior Choirs on Centennial Sunday — May 21, 1944

THE OLD CHURCH

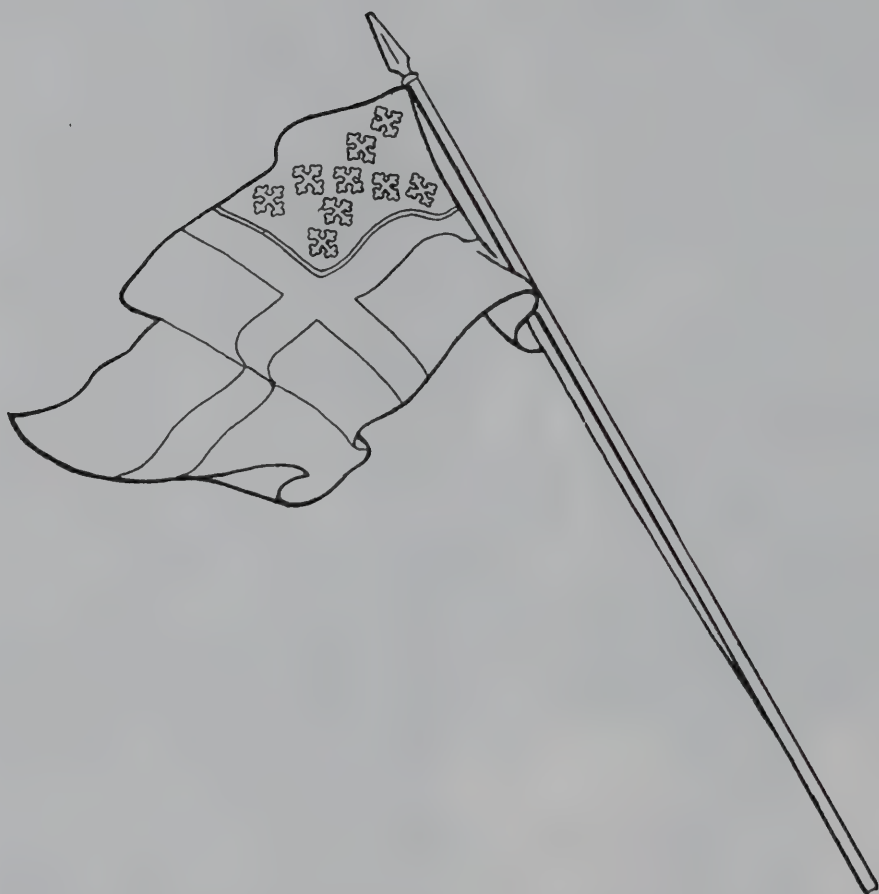


Photo loaned by Miss Alma Brooks

This wooden church stood on the present site until 1893 when it was moved to the north side of Convention Street, where it remained until the present church was built. The corner stone was laid on June 26, 1845 and the completed church was consecrated on May 23, 1847. The certificate of consecration, issued by Bishop Polk, the first bishop of the diocese of Louisiana and a general of distinction on the side of the South in the Civil War, reads as follows:

"Know all men by these presents, that, I, Leonidas Polk, D. D., bishop of Louisiana, having been requested by the wardens and vestry of the parish of Saint James, Baton Rouge, diocese aforesaid, to take the building erected by them under my spiritual jurisdiction and to consecrate it to the service of Almighty God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost, according to the provisions of the Protestant Episcopal church in the United States of America, in its ministry, doctrines, liturgy and usages, do hereby in pursuance of the above request and in the presence of the congregation, take said building under my spiritual jurisdiction and that of my successors in office, and do solemnly set apart and consecrate the same to the above purpose, by the name Saint James Church, and separating it henceforth from all unhallowed, worldly and common uses, and dedicating it exclusively to the services of Almighty God."

(Signed) Leonidas Polk, Bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church, May 23, 1847, in the diocese of Louisiana.



The symbolism of the church flag is as follow: "The red cross on a white field is the oldest Christian symbol. The white ground represents the purity of the Christian religion, the red cross the sacrifice of our Blessed Lord and the martyrs; the madonna blue of the upper left hand corner of the flag is symbolic of the human nature of our Lord which He received from His Virgin Mother. The nine cross-lets are in commemoration of the nine dioceses present in the first General Convention that was held in Philadelphia, Pa., on October 16th, 1789, when the Constitution of our Church was adopted and the English Prayer Book modified to make it suitable for use in the newly formed Protestant Episcopal Church in this country." "The flag was designed by the late Pierre La Rose, the expert on heraldry of Hawaii University and adopted by the House of Bishops and the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies at the meeting of the General Convention in Kansas City, October 16, 1940."

*From History of the Church Flag by
William M. Baldwin.*

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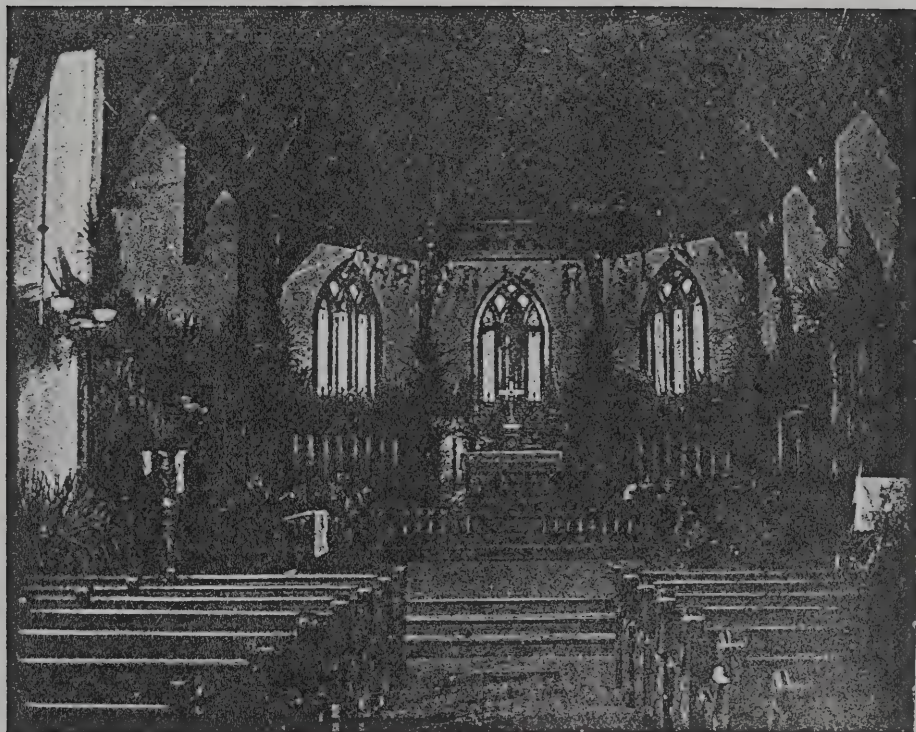
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Corporate Communion of Men at Early Service on Centennial Sunday.

Twin sons of Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Johnson in the foreground.



Altar and Chancel of Saint James Church before the Tiffany glass windows were installed.



